

Welcome

We are an inclusive, Christ-centered community of faith, passionately committed to sharing the love of Jesus Christ in practical ways. Please let us know of your interests and concerns.

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHAMPAIGN

We want to get to know you!

- Fill in the Friendship Pads; please use a name tag.
- Introduce yourself to one of the pastors.
- Join us for coffee and conversation in Westminster Hall.
- Trouble hearing? Try a hearing device at the back of the Sanctuary.
- Large-print hymnals are on the back table.
- Wheelchairs are available for in-church use.
- Printed sermons are available; audio can be found early the following week on the church website.

Children, Youth & Families

Please sign in your infant or toddler in the Education Building. Our Nursery and Toddler Rooms (birth – 2 years) are open from 8:45 – 11:30 AM each Sunday. There you will receive a nametag for your child and a matching identification label to be used by the parent during pick up. **Sunday School classes for other ages are not being held on Sunday mornings for the month of August.** Children are encouraged to attend worship with their parents.

Schedule

8:50-9:00	Children check-in
10:20-10:30	
9:00-10:00	Child care for infants and toddlers
10:30-11:30	
10:00	Parents pick up Infants and toddlers in the classroom in the Christian Education Building.
11:30	

Contact our Director of Children, Youth, and Families, **Mindy Watts-Ellis** (mindy@firstpres.church) for more information about children and youth education and family events.

August 27, 2017 8 and 9 AM



Welcome to First Presbyterian Church
Bienvenue à La Première Eglise Presbytérienne de Champaign
Bienvenidos a La Primera Iglesia Presbiteriana

삼페인 제일 장로교회에 오신것을 환영합니다.

Pour nos amis de langue française et les membres,
nous avons des copies du sermon d'aujourd'hui en français
à l'arrière de l'église

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Service for the Lord's Day

A special welcome to those at our church for the first time.

Prelude Richard Rossi

Preparation for Worship – Tower Bell

Greeting and Announcements

9 Moment for Ministry Betty Hollister

Call to Worship

Leader Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People Who made heaven and earth.

Leader Our joy comes from the heart of God,

People Who transforms us into open-handed givers of hope.

Leader Our grace comes from God's compassion,

People Who breaks the bonds which tie us to sin and death.

Leader Blessed be the Lord our God,

People Who reveals to us the One who brings us new life!

♦ **Hymn 260** *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

♦Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have conformed our lives to the ways of the world and not the ways of your kingdom. We think of ourselves too highly and regard others as lowly. We exalt possessions and power, when you alone are to be exalted. We let conflicts prevail over grace and divisions over harmony. Have mercy upon us, we pray. Forgive and transform us, that we may be holy and acceptable to you, discerning and doing your will. Through Jesus Christ we pray...(continue to pray in silence)

♦Assurance of Pardon

Leader The steadfast love of the Lord never ends. When we call out to God, God answers.

People God saves us with a strong and outstretched hand. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and helped to live in grace. Amen.

♦Passing of the Peace

Leader The peace of Christ be with you.

People And also with you.

Leader Please greet one another in the peace of Christ.

Response #576 *Gloria, Gloria*

9♦ **Hymn 288** *I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

Act of Friendship

9Children's Sermon

Offering of Gifts and Tithes

Richard Rossi

9#592 Doxology; Prayer of Dedication

Scripture *Psalms 138* (OT pg. 577)

Anthem *His Eye Is on the Sparrow* arr. Luigi Zaninelli
Kasey Stewart, soloist

Scripture *Matthew 16:13-19* (NT pg. 18)

Message *Upon This Rock?* Pastor Eric Corbin

Prayers of the People
The Lord's Prayer

8 Moment for Ministry Betty Hollister

♦ **Hymn 442** *The Church's One Foundation*

♦Benediction

♦Benediction Response

May the Lord, Mighty God, bless and keep you forever. Grant you peace, perfect peace, courage in every endeavor. Lift your eyes and see His face, and His grace forever. May the Lord, Mighty God, bless and keep you forever.

♦ **Postlude** Richard Rossi

♦Please stand if able.

This Week

Sunday, August 27

- 8:00 AM Contemplative Worship/Sanctuary
- 9:00 AM Traditional Worship/Sanctuary
- 10:30 AM The Gathering/Centennial Hall
- 10:30 AM Summer Drop-In Study/Parlor
- 11:30 AM Teacher Training/The Café
- 12:00 PM Pastor Nominating Committee/Library
- 12:00 PM Praise & Prayer Choir Rehearsal/Centennial Hall
- 2:00 PM Francophone Young Adult Group/Chapel
- 3:00 PM SAFE House Benefit Concert/Hessel Park

Monday, August 28

- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Room 204
- 1:00 PM GROW/Chapel
- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall

Tuesday, August 29

- 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast/Centennial Hall
- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Room 204
- 10:30 AM Staff Meeting/Parlor
- 1:00 PM Richmond Memorial Service/Morgan Memorial

Wednesday, August 30

- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Room 204
- 10:00 AM Stephen Ministry Training/Parlor

Thursday, August 31

- 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast/Hardees on South Neil
- 9:00 AM ESL Classes/Room 204

Friday, September 1 Church Office closes at noon

- 8:30 AM Men's Prayer/Chapel
- 5:00 PM Praise & Prayer Choir Rehearsal/Centennial Hall

Saturday, September 2

- 3:00 PM Worship Prep/Centennial Hall
- 6:00 PM Praise & Prayer Gathering/Centennial Hall

**The church office will close at noon on
Fridays throughout the summer.**

Worship

•Liturgist this morning is **Dick Coddington** at the 8 AM service and **Sarah Laufenberg** at the 9 AM service.

•Session has determined the following **Sunday morning schedule beginning September 10...**

- o 8 AM - Contemplative Service
- o 9 AM - Traditional Service with children attending for first 15 minutes (approximately), departing right after children's sermon
- o 9:15 AM - Children's Sunday School
- o 10 AM - Children's Choir
- o 10:10 AM - Adult Education & High School Class
- o 11 AM - Contemporary Service

Connect

•Join us this morning from 10:30-11:30 AM in the Parlor for the next of our **Summer Drop-In Classes**. Today's topic is *Moses' Unlikely Saviors* led by **Marilyn Parkhill**. No sign up is needed...materials provided each week.

•Our church is blessed to have a **dedicated professional staff**. The bulletin board in Westminster Hall features most of the people who spend their week making sure that the church is running smoothly. You are encouraged to take a few minutes to check it out -- you might find some interesting "tidbits" you don't know about our staff. Also, when you encounter a member of our staff, be sure to give them a pat on the back and acknowledge a job well done.

•**Gospel Jazz Fest**, supporting men's and women's SAFE houses, this afternoon from 3-7 PM in Hessel Park. The event will be in memory of **Willie Summerville**.

•The next **electronics recycling event** will be held on Saturday, October 14, 2017 at Parkland College. Households attending the event must register online starting on September 5, 2017, at 8 AM CDT. Register online at: <http://goo.gl/mwymyP>

*A celebration of appreciation for
Chuck and Betty Carlson
will be held Sunday, October 15, at City View
(top floor of the Illinois Terminal Amtrak and Bus station)*

*All are invited to a catered lunch at noon
following ONE church service at 10 AM.
If you would like to donate toward a retirement gift for the
Carlsons, please make your check out to the church with a
memo for retirement.*

Call office to reserve your seat!